

REVIEW

think they have no more than Sir Francis's word. It is his next batch of illustrations we think the cause makes out his case. Louis Napoleon and the French Republic are the subjects of the next two plates. To what extent Mr. King's account proceeds in this case from his ingratitude we do not know. We fancy that Sir Francis is in error in assuming that the French Emperor placed any papers of value in the hands of the English Consul, and that he laid him under literary and pecuniary obligations. The case of Napoleon in his posthumous era is not laid in a clear people, mostly to Lord Raglan. An engraving of the Emperor is given, and a valuable page of the History of the Crimean War; but Lord Raglan seems to resemble that which Tacitus bore to Nero, not that which Jeremy Diddle felt towards those who had been good enough to vilify him with his tongue. The reader can afford to throw away his opinion's estimate of Prince Napoleon's courage, especially

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Army, gained the victory of Waterloo; and yet in his simple, plain, truthful description of that battle—as of many others—he not only deemed it unnecessary to expose the common average instances of cowardice that occurred in each, but, when they were officially brought before his notice, he deemed it advantageous to the public service to disregard them. This sensible course was that which Mr. Kinkelade had to pursue. U.S.

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ever might have been his obligations to his dearest patron, and however desirous he might be to gratify the expectations of his widow, yet his paramount duty was to delineate, in becoming language, a faithful picture of the principal events of the Crimean War, victorious or disastrous, as they occurred. All therefore that he could do, which, in common gratitude, as well as for the public good, he was entitled to do, was to do his duty, as the Duke of Wellington, he was *bound* to do—was, in his description of Lord Raglan's generalship—

To be to his virtue very kind,
And to his faults a little blind.

Instead, however, of pursuing this course, Mr. King-

lake, impelled by his inveterate propensity to injure whoever has assisted him, and to destroy character precisely in proportion to its rank, determined not only with indefatigable ingenuity to collect and produce against Lord Raglan evidence altogether beyond the limits of the Crimean War, but to divulge against his benefactor criminatory circumstances and words which, under the generous confidence that had been reposed in him, he had been permitted to see or hear.

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his heroes.

in order to demonstrate to mankind in general, and to the armies of Europe in particular,—1st. That the education of his patron the late Lord Raglan, for half a century, had peculiarly unfitted him for commanding an army. 2nd. That shortly after his arrival in the Crimea he proved to be not only afraid to enforce upon her Majesty's Government his opinion of the imprudence of the Allied Army landing in the Crimea, but both incompetent and unworthy to

pre-arrange with the French Commander-in-Chief on any combined plan of attack. 3rd. That in the battle of the Alma he proved to be utterly incompetent to command an army in the field, 4th. That after the battle, he proved to be incompetent to follow the orders of his superior officers, 5th. That he had only nominally commanded. Now, leaving the Lord Raglan's memory, together with the feelings of Lord Raglan, the Duke of Cambridge, Sir George Brown, the Emperor Napoleon, the memory of Marshal St. Arnaud, and the French General officers of that campaign, would you not have said, if he could have been consulted, have bluntly said, "I'll tell you what, Mr. Knaplake, if you

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what you propose to publish against the Allied Army and check your papers into your kitchen fire. For the French Government, which is the only one which might have done, and ought to have done, reveals that our literary baronet has a very extraordinary theory of an historian's duties. He obliges to be a man of letters, and a public orator, and to be kind to his virtues, blind to his faults—what a historian to do with such things: His duty is to be the student of the past, and to be a man of letters. After-dinner speaker, of a Secretary of State, the House of Commons, and of an historian of the War much the same. They have only to make things plain and simple, and to be a man of letters. This is not our theory of an historian's business. Do Thucydides never tell the Athenians unpleasant truths? Is Tacitus always careful for the glory of Rome?

Next we have Mr. Kingslake arraigned for his gratitude to Lady Raglan, in a paragraph which seems extremely comical features: particularly his high opinion of her husband's military services. He says that he has her husband's papers, gave him so much money; and the suggestion that he was a mere advocate, hired and paid to do Lady Raglan's bidding; and the appeal, therefore, for the sake of the public interest, that the nation is a member, to rise up, and with its unanimously

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be difficult for Mr. Kingslake to vindicate, or even de-
vour to explain, the course he has pursued. An
ordinary excuse, provided he kept out of the line
of the crime, would be the crime itself. But Mr.
Kingslake has the honour to be a member
of the English bar, 'the integrity' of which, by Rich-
ard and by other still higher authorities, has been de-
fined. *The Fidelity—rust column—of a counsel at law*.
He cannot grudge to be the witness of the crime.
He receives the brief, therefore, which he recites
from Lady Raglan, retaining him by a large libel
and pecuniary profit for the affectionate object of
his naturally high will, will not the English bar,
man, rise up, and with unflinching firmness, dis-
cuss the case to Mr. Kingslake: *that* before he came into
court he ought to have admonished his client that the man
of evidence he had given him would elicit an un-
favourable verdict. And 2ndly. That on his re-
fusing to conceal from her the details of his profes-
sion, she should have been apprised of his presence
in travelling *beyond* the limits of his case to collect
evidence; and most especially in coming forward
himself as an eye and ear witness, to gain—a
eloquence and ingenuity he has gained—justice
against the object of his mission.

That no one must mistake his meaning in the
appeal to the Bar against a peccant member, Sir
Francis adds a note, by way of hint. 'The Bar
Mess of each circuit takes cognizance of every kind
of delinquency, moral, legal, social, or political.
On complaint against any barrister, or politician,
or any individual, the Bar meets, and the merits of
either acquit or reprove, fine or expel, as their judg-
ment may decide.' Exclusion from the honour of the
Bar, is, however, but a portion of the punishment in-
flicted by Sir Francis for the historical crime. The
appeal is made to Lady Raglan and to the *Magistrate*
Government.

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